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Entente Makes Preparation for Plebiscites in Rhineland.

Early Signing of Pact Protocol Now Expected.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The supreme council has decided to give the Rhineland commission civil jurisdiction in the American occupied zone despite the fact the United States is not represented on the commission.

General Weyand reported the Germans had agreed to furnish satisfactory transportation to allied troops being forwarded to areas where plebiscites are to be held.

It is estimated that it will require two weeks to get into Silesia the number of troops it is proposed to send to that plebiscite area.

Hopes have again been raised in supreme council circles of an early exchange of ratifications of the treaty

of Versailles. The end of the first week in January is given now as the probable date when the treaty will be put into effect.

This prospect springs from the conversation held yesterday between Paul Dutaast, general secretary of the peace conference and Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German mission here. It was said today that the chances were considered good that the Germans would decide to sign the protocol now the subject of negotiations without waiting for verification of the figures on harbor tonnage demanded as reparation for the sinking of the German ships at Scapa Flow.

Send Plebiscite Guards.

It is explained that the supreme council will satisfy Germany's demand for a more specific declaration on the reduction of the tonnage asked for thru affixing to the protocol the text of M. Dutaast's verbal declaration to Baron von Lersner on the subject.

**FIND NEW SHORTAGE**

Shawnee County Cannot Get Enough Census Enumerators.

Leavenworth, Dec. 31.—E. E. Murphy, supervisor of the census for the First Kansas district, has not enough enumerators and he had to do some lively skimming around to get his forces ready to start out Friday morning, January 2. So far Leavenworth is the only county in the district where he has a full list of enumerators ready.

Murphy stated that he was five short of enough for the district divisions in Shawnee county and will be in Topeka Tuesday to get some more to serve. From two to four are lacking in all the other counties in the district, except Leavenworth, and he will call on postmasters to help get men or women to take the jobs.

The pay is to be 4 cents for each name and not 3 cents as was first announced.

## KICKS ON HONOR ROLL

Ex-Yanks Protest Space Given Heroes Killed in Action.

The recent appearance of the Shawnee county Roll of Honor book is bringing forth a large amount of indignation from ex-service men of all classes and positions in the army from the most insignificant buck to the most regal colonel.

Their contention is that along in the front part of the book are full page pictures of prominent war workers—big, striking, glorious pictures. Then way back in the book are a number of tiny pictures about the size of a half-dollar, and underneath these little pictures there is the pertinent caption:

"Private Blank. Killed in action."

"They don't deny the war workers all the glory possible for them to attain. They don't complain of their own lesser position in the book, despite the fact that they risked their lives when they boarded the boats for France. But they insist that the boys who did not come home, the lads 'Killed in Action,' deserve something better."

**QUARANTINED HERSELF**

Lawrence Girl Nurse at Salina Found She Was Disease Carrier.

Salina, Kan., Dec. 31.—The board of county commissioners yesterday raised the ban on children's gathering in this city including Sunday school sessions, the diphtheria epidemic having subsided.

Miss Pearl Laptad, public school nurse, a few days ago discovered from her own tests that she was a diphtheria carrier, although she did not have the disease. She immediately went into quarantine for treatment and upon her recovery went to her home at Lawrence.

She was the only one of the board of county commissioners yesterday who raised the ban on children's gathering in this city including Sunday school sessions, the diphtheria epidemic having subsided.

## 25 YEARS AGO IN TOPEKA

From the columns of THE TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL

December 31, 1894.

Adjutant General Davis has just completed his annual report for presentation to the governor, which shows the workings of the Kansas national guard during the last two years.

The report shows that since the guard was organized into three regiments there have been forty additional men enlisted. In addition to the regular members of the guard four companies of students have been added with arms by the state, including the schools at Manhattan, Ottawa, Salina and Emporia.

The United States government gives the Kansas national guard every year equipment and stores to the amount of \$8,710.21, which is placed to the credit of the state the first of July of each year.

The following ladies will keep open house in Topeka tomorrow:

At 321 Harrison street, Mrs. A. B. Jett, Mrs. S. M. Gardinier, Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. C. J. Jett, from 3 to 5 p. m.

At the home of Judge J. B. Johnson in West street from 3 to 5 p. m. Misses Mabel and Madge Johnson, Myra Williams, Margaret McIntire, Mary McCabe, Nellie Clough, Frank Gram and Maudie Johnson of Leavenworth, Lou Neely, Mrs. M. A. Ketchum, Mrs. C. J. Jett, Mrs. Lyle Dickey of Omaha.

## FOR ROSEDALE BONDS

Rep. Uhl, in Conference With Governor Allen Here.

Dr. L. C. Uhl, representative from Johnson county has been in conference with Governor Allen urging him to support a bill enabling the city of Rosedale to vote bonds for the Rosedale hospital.

A \$200,000 state appropriation has been held up on account of the inability of Rosedale to vote bonds under the present law. Rosedale was to provide the site for the building but could not do so. The bond issue will probably amount to about \$20,000. The state appropriation will be held up until an enabling act is passed providing the city of Rosedale with legal authority to go ahead and vote the bonds.

## LOSES HIS CITIZENSHIP

Former German Noble Loses His American Rights by Court Decree.

St. Joe, Dec. 31.—A decree revoking the naturalization of Benjamin Von Lutze, 23 years old, a clerk in a packing house office in South St. Joseph, has been announced. Von Lutze who located here five years ago, is a member of a German noble family.

He completed his naturalization here, but, at a sensational trial, it was in evidence that he had made disparaging remarks during the war with Germany, and had refused to march in the Armistice day parade.

## SON TAKES BLAME

Clears Father of Liquor Charge by Pleading Guilty.

Norton, Kan., Dec. 31.—Harry Hill pleaded guilty in justice court yesterday to violating the prohibitory law and was fined \$150 and sentenced to jail for thirty days. He and his father both were arrested, their room searched and a large quantity of jam-malch ginger and "cherry flavor," together with some wild grape wine and other concoctions, were seized.

The case against the father, who is a partner in the LaRue & Hill grocery, was dismissed, the son assuming all the blame.

## ONLY ON VISIT

Lost El Dorado Girl Had Vanished Suddenly on Eve of Wedding.

Eldorado, Kan., Dec. 31.—Miss Anna Calvert, who was reported yesterday as having suddenly disappeared from Eldorado on the eve of her wedding to Ambrose Allison, an oil man of this city, has been found in Albuquerque, N. M., with an Eldorado man and his wife who went to that city the latter part of last week on a visit. According to the telegram received here by Miss Calvert's parents she accompanied the couple and will return to Eldorado in a few days.

## FOR NEW PROBATE LAWS

Judges to Seek Revision of Insanity Commitment Statute.

Three amendments to existing laws will be submitted by the Kansas Association of Probate Judges to the state legislature for approval at the extra session in January, providing that body opens up and accepts any measures for consideration other than labor and anti-profiteering bills, it was announced today by Probate Judge Ralph H. Gaw, president of the association.

The first announcement would make it discretionary with the probate court whether a person adjudged feeble minded should be sent to the home for feeble minded at Winfield. Under the present statute there is no alternative for a judge excepting to order the person found in that frame of mind, or lack of mind, committed to the state institution.

"Often family pride keeps such proceedings out of court when such a finding should be made for property reasons," said Judge Gaw today. The family is well able and more than willing to give the unfortunate member the best of care and medical attention. On the other hand it makes property transfers and other business affairs difficult and impossible until such a finding is recorded and under the present law upon the court holding that a person is feeble minded a trip to Winfield is necessary. Under the proposed amendment such action would only be necessary where the person afflicted is dangerous to the community or where the family wishes a commitment to the state institution.

Another amendment proposed would cut the termination of an estate in probate court from two to one year. This, it is pointed out, would save money and much bookkeeping and clerical trouble.

The third amendment would make it possible to throw juvenile estates out of court in the event it becomes exhausted before the heirs reach their majority. The amendments are being prepared by Probate Judge J. A. Pomeroy of Holton, chairman of the legislative committee of the association.

## WANTS TO SELL WOOD

Fuel Crisis Committee Acts to Close Up Municipal Yard.

The citizens' wood committee, which volunteered its services during the recent fuel crisis, is due to be left holding the sack unless the people of Topeka buy up some of the wood now on hand at the city woodyard, according to J. E. Wilson, manager of the yard, today.

The committee met and decided to cut the price on the wood to \$7 a ton, delivered, and will accept orders for it until noon Wednesday. As the committee is winding up its business, all the wood left over then will be turned over to the county commissioners, who will distribute it thru the Provident association to the poor. Orders for the wood will be taken at telephone No. 1014, the city crematorium. The fuel is cut in 16-inch lengths.

Members of the committee had to advance money to get the wood, according to Wilson, and stand to lose unless the people come to the relief. This committee, which served without pay, was composed of W. O. Anderson, chairman, Fred Volland, Tom Whitaker and W. S. Hancock.

## HUNT MISSING GIRL

El Dorado Girl Had Tried Suicide—Wanders From Hospital.

El Dorado, Dec. 31.—Mystery surrounds the sudden disappearance of Jennie Spencer from the Mercy hospital, about 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The woman was taken to the hospital about 11 o'clock Monday night after she had attempted to seriously injure herself in the county jail.

It was said that the woman was an expectant mother, and that she was trying to hide her condition by suicide. She was taken into custody Sunday evening when she was found to be near death from gas fumes. She had been in her room and had threatened to kill herself with a gas pump. One was undependable, but it is believed she is married but no trace of her husband has been found by officers.

## 'FRIENDLY ENEMIES' AT GRAND

Man Who Wrote It One of Most Famous Writers for Stage.

Aaron Hoffman, who with Samuel Shipman, wrote "Friendly Enemies," the famous comedy which A. H. Woods will present at the Grand January 2, has been for many years one of the most prolific of all writers for the stage. In particular, he has been writing for vaudeville; there is no individual who has ever attended a vaudeville show who has not heard some of Hoffman's material. He has also written musical comedies, but his connection with "Friendly Enemies" may be regarded as the turning point of his career.

Some of the most famous monologues have been going to Hoffman for their material for years. The late Cliff Gordon won fame with the political satires written by Hoffman and Lew Dockstader, using similar material without the accent, has made a huge success in the two-day. Mr. Hoffman's vaudeville sketch, "The Cherry Tree" is considered the best vaudeville sketch in years. And dozens of other sketches and monologues have been written by Mr. Hoffman for such performers as Weber and Fields, Joe Welch, Nora Baye, Henry Lewis, Sam Mann, Jess Dandy and others.

Mr. Hoffman wrote nearly all the vehicles which the late Rogers Brothers used in the days when they were the most popular comedians on the American stage. He wrote several full length pieces for Yorke and Adams, the popular comedians of the west. He dramatized "The Newlyweds" when that cartoon series was in its prime.

Not content with vaudeville and the legitimate theater, Mr. Hoffman has also turned his hand to film scenarios, and written a series of ten for Olga Petrova. Since the production and enormous success of "Friendly Enemies," Mr. Hoffman has been in great demand as a writer for the legitimate stage, and has turned out several successful pieces.

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